

BY-LAWS AND SHOOTING-RULES

OF THE

Massachusetts Rifle Association.

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1875-1900.

OFFICERS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

PRESIDENTS.

	YEARS.
Isaac H. Hazelton	1875
Horace B. Sargent	1876
Chas. A. Longfellow	1877-1878
James N. Frye	1879-1880
Lucius L. Hubbard	1881-1882
Horace T. Rockwell	1883-1888
Lucius L. Hubbard	1889-1890
Nathaniel C. Nash	1891-1892
Horace T. Rockwell	1893
Jabez B. Fellows	1894-1895
Francis J. Rabbeth	1896-1897
Daniel L. F. Chase	1898-1900

SECRETARIES.

	YEARS.
Charles A. Sawyer	1875-1876
Robert Williams	1877
Horace T. Rockwell	1878-1882
James E. Leach	1883-1886
Henry S. Harris	1887-1898
Chester A. Coombs	1899
Harold Hutchinson	1900

TREASURERS.

	YEARS.
Frederick R. Shattuck	1875-1877
Salem Wilder	1878
Alpheus H. Hardy	1879-1880
Arthur C. Gould	1881
Jabez B. Fellows	1882-1883
George R. Russell	1884-1889
Walter C. Prescott	1890-1893
Charles H. Eastman	1894-1896
Sidney Gleason	1897-1900

A FEW FACTS CONCERNING THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In October, 1875, an article was published in the *Boston Journal* by Messrs. E. M. Messenger and Chas. A. Sawyer, urging persons interested in rifle shooting to come together and form a Rifle Association in Boston, and Nov. 4 of the same year the following notice was published in the *Boston Morning Journal*:

"There will be a meeting, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at the Bromfield House, 55 Bromfield Street, of those interested in the organization of a Boston Gun Club. A general invitation is extended to all who may desire to join the club or aid in its organization."

The above meeting was held, with about twenty persons present. Dr. I. H. Hazelton presided, and Mr. Chas. A. Sawyer was clerk. All present were in favor of forming a Rifle Club at once. Two committees were appointed—one to look up a range and the other to report at the next meeting a set of rules and by-laws for the new club. The persons present signed a document expressing their desire to form an association, and this paper was placed in the window of the gun store of Remington & Sons, 146 Tremont Street, for signatures of others who would like to become members. It was agreed that, until further notice, the shooting should be done at the Spy Pond Range. Numerous other meetings were held from time to time, and much hard work was done both at the Bromfield House and at Spy Pond.

The name "Massachusetts Rifle Association" was adopted Dec. 2, 1875. On Dec. 15, 1875, a charter

was granted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Association was organized Dec. 17, with the following officers:

President ISAAC H. HAZELTON.
 Vice-President CHAS. E. SANBORN.
 Secretary CHAS. A. SAWYER.
 Treasurer F. R. SHATTUCK.

Board of Directors: C. E. Sanborn, W. H. Jackson, E. M. Messenger, E. T. Osgood, Geo. H. Adams, Chas. A. Sawyer, F. R. Shattuck.

The first shoot under the chartered organization was held at Spy Pond, Saturday, Jan. 1, 1876. After a long search for land suitable for a range, the land now owned by the Association at Walnut Hill was decided upon. It was purchased from its many different owners by the Boston & Lowell Railroad Company, and by that company leased to the Association, Sept. 21, 1876. The name "Walnut Hill Rifle Range" was adopted on that date. The last Association shoot at Spy Pond was held Oct. 28, 1876.

Prior to its purchase for range purposes the land at Walnut Hill was covered with woods. Much labor was expended in clearing the land, building pits for markers, and erecting targets. The first shoot was held Nov. 16, 1876, two targets being provided at 200 and 300 yards, and twenty-one marksmen taking part. The Creedmoor system of scoring was used, though the scores at that time were generally also kept by the "Massachusetts" system. Targets of cast-iron, made in sections, and bolted together at the back, were used in the early years, and these were being supplanted by steel when, about 1880, the change to the present system of paper targets was begun.

The first target at 500 and 600 yards was erected Dec. 19, 1876, and the first at 800, 900 and 1000 yards,

April 17, 1877. The target question and system of scoring to be used was discussed at the very first meeting of the Association, and after a quarter of a century the question is still a subject of discussion. The new range was opened in a public way by holding a Spring meeting, Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19, 1877.

In the Fall of 1878 the first shooting house, or "winter shed," as it was called, was built at the 200-yard firing point. Until that time there was no shelter for the marksmen at any firing point save a portable canvas awning, which was moved from one position to another as it was required. An enclosed shed had been erected earlier, near the 900-yard firing point, for storage, and as a place for the sale of score-cards. Here the riflemen gathered in case of a shower and for refreshments, each bringing his own luncheon. This shed is now used for sheltering horses and for storage, near the present shooting house. The shooting house now in use, the third built by the Association, was erected in the summer of 1891, at a cost of more than \$3,000.

The land used as a range was purchased from the Boston & Lowell Railroad Company, Jan. 13, 1880. It comprised at that time 44.64 acres, and has been increased by subsequent purchase to about 50 acres. The two targets at 200 yards, which served all needs in 1876, have been increased to twelve; instead of one target at 500 yards there are now six; and one target at 1000 yards was increased to four. With the loss of interest in long-range shooting, the 1000-yard targets ceased to be used about ten years ago. A 50-yard range, now supplied with eight targets, was opened in 1887, chiefly for pistol and revolver matches, and a 25-yard range, with three targets, was opened in 1900.

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Association what it is to-day, it is thought that by recording the names of some of these persons an injustice might be done to others, so mention has been made simply of the first board of officers and the following list of original members:

ORIGINAL MEMBERS.

Adams, Geo. H.	Loring, George A.
Bartlett, W. B.	Meiggs, Clarence U.
Clark, Alonzo P.	Messenger, E. M.
Cochrane, Hugh.	Milliken, E. H.
Corey, Chas. B.	Mooney, O. D.
Crosby, William.	Osborn, John B.
Cummings, J. A.	Osgood, E. T.
Danforth, C. B.	Parker, Chas. A.
Dittmar, Carl.	Poland, William.
Donahoe, M. T.	
Eldridge, James T.	
Fisk, J. E.	Roberts, C. P.
Foster, John.	Roberts, William.
Frost, J. H.	Robinson, A. A.
Frye, James N.	Rockwell, Horace T.
Garbett, W. A.	Sanborn, Chas. E.
Gerrish, William.	Sargent, Horace B.
Graves, W. C.	Sawyer, Chas. A.
Greene, Malcolm C.	Schaefer, Wm. R.
Hardy, Alpheus H.	Shattuck, F. R.
Harris, Henry S.	Skinner, H. A.
Hazelton, Isaac H.	Souther, E. B.
Hebbard, A. H.	Steinkrauss, C. L.
Higgins, Alfred.	Stevenson, John L.
Hull, E. B.	Trull, Ezra J.
Hunt, Dudley F.	Webb, Dr. E.
Hutchings, W. V.	Wemyss, C. C.
Jackson, Wm. H.	Wemyss, James, Jr.
Johnson, E. W.	Wheeler, Charles.

Of the above list only four members are now active in the affairs of the Association.

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THE

Massachusetts Rifle Association.

BY-LAWS.

I. NAME AND OBJECT.

This Association shall be called THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Its object shall be to promote rifle-practice in Massachusetts.

II. OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of fifteen members, chosen by the Association, and the Treasurer and Secretary, *ex-officio*. The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot by the members of the Association, with the exception of the President, who shall be chosen by the Directors from their own number, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are chosen in their stead. The Directors shall also choose a counsellor, executive officers, and statistical officers, to hold their offices during the pleasure of the Board.

III. MANAGEMENT.

1. The Board of Directors shall control the affairs of the Association, take cognizance of all infractions of the Charter and By-Laws, and fill vacancies which may occur in the offices of the Association, until the time of the next annual meeting.

2. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five members.

3. The Board of Directors shall, for their government, from time to time, make rules and regulations and shooting-rules for the government of the Association, not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

4. The interpretation of the Rules and By-Laws shall rest with the Board of Directors.

5. Any Director may at any time examine the records of the Secretary, or inspect the accounts of the Treasurer.

6. The following Standing Committees, each to consist of three members, shall be elected by the Directors, during the month of January in each year, or as soon thereafter as may be:

Finance Committee, Range Committee, Membership Committee, Trap-Shooting Committee, and such other committees as may be deemed necessary.

The Directors shall also choose at the same time four of their own number, who, with the President, shall constitute an Executive Committee.

IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President of the Association, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall authorize the call of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall call special meetings of the Association at the request of four of the Board of Directors, or of ten members of the Association. He shall have the right, *ex-officio*, to be present at meetings of the committees.

2. The Secretary of the Association shall notify each member of the Board of Directors of all its meetings and each member of the Association of every meeting of the Association; issue all other authorized notices to members; post on the range a copy of all new rules made by the Directors; make and keep a true record of all meetings of the Directors and of the Association; have custody of the records and papers and the corporate seal of the Association, and conduct all correspondence.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, notices of meetings of the Association may be given by publishing the same in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in Boston; such notices to appear at least one week previous to the meeting.

3. The Treasurer shall collect and have charge of the funds of the Association, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, and pay such bills as shall have been approved by the Finance Committee. He shall keep account of his transactions, and make a detailed report thereof, with vouchers annexed, when required by the Directors, and an annual report to the Association at its annual meeting. He shall have custody of the medals, trophies, and prizes of the Association. He shall order score-cards printed, and deliver the same to the Statistical Officer, as may be required. He shall give bonds in such sum as shall be fixed by the Directors.

4. The Statistical Officer shall keep a record of the statistics of the Association, and account and pay over to the Treasurer, weekly, all moneys received by him, less his disbursements in the various matches of the Association, with schedules giving an itemized account of the same, and shall be accountable to the Treasurer for all score-cards and other tickets received by him for the use of the Association. He shall direct the services of the clerical employees at the meetings for competition.

by my committee.

*The statistical officer shall
keep records up to date of all
current matches, and post
same at range when required
Director meeting April 7 03*

5. The Finance Committee shall have the general supervision of the finances of the Association. They shall, from time to time, examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Statistical Officer, and recommend such methods in keeping the same as may seem for the interest of the Association. No obligations of the Association beyond those necessary for current wants shall be made until the Finance Committee shall have considered and reported upon the necessity and propriety of the plan proposed.

6. The Range Committee shall have charge of the Range, and all the property of the Association connected therewith. They shall attend to the purchase of all necessary supplies for the use of the Range-keeper and the markers. They shall audit all claims and bills against the Association for labor on and supplies used at the Range. But this committee shall have no power to make contracts or purchases in the name of the Association, for anything more than the usual supplies, unless authorized by a formal vote of the Board of Directors. They shall appoint a Range-keeper, Markers, and such assistants as may be necessary, and direct their services. They shall require the Range-keeper to make returns of the property in his charge, which returns shall be examined and indorsed by the committee or its chairman, and presented to the Board of Directors. They shall make such temporary rules and regulations for the use of the grounds and the targets as shall seem necessary. They shall generally do and perform everything needful to protect the interests of the Association and secure a successful management of the Range.

7. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association, not inconsistent with the powers and duties of other officers and committees as set forth, and shall report their action to the Directors for approval. They shall

inquire into and report upon all infractions of the rules and regulations of the Association by any of its members, and recommend action thereon.

V. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. The stated meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents, and shall be called upon the request of three Directors.

2. All special committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer, unless otherwise ordered.

3. Any member of the Board who shall, in its opinion, conduct himself in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association, may be removed from the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board at any stated meeting, provided the member accused shall have been personally notified, in writing, at least ten days previously, of the charges against him, and a hearing given him thereon at a stated meeting therein specified.

4. Neglect on the part of any Director to attend six successive meetings of the Board shall be deemed a tender of the resignation of his office. But the Board may excuse any member for such neglect, and, before his resignation is accepted, under this By-Law, the member in default must be specially notified of the same.

VI. MEMBERSHIP.

Any person desiring to become a member of the Association shall make written application in due form upon a blank furnished by the Association, and bearing the indorsement of two members in good standing. The application will be considered by the Directors,

and if action is favorable the applicant will become a member upon subscribing to the By-Laws and paying the admission fee of ten dollars.

VII. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

1. All members of the Association shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges.
2. All members shall subscribe to the By-Laws.
3. The annual dues, except for existing life members, who are exempt, shall be three dollars, payable in advance on the first day of January in each year, and if the annual dues of any member shall remain unpaid for four months thereafter, his membership shall cease, and he cannot be reinstated except by vote of the Board of Directors and payment of all arrears to the Association.
4. Any member can become a member for life by the payment in one sum of twenty-five dollars, and shall thereafter be exempt from all dues and assessments.
5. Any member who shall persistently refuse to pay any indebtedness to the Association shall, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, forfeit his membership, and he shall not be reinstated except by vote of the Board of Directors and payment of all arrears.
6. No member shall be allowed to transfer his rights of membership.
7. Any member whose conduct shall be pronounced, by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board, as endangering, or likely to endanger, the welfare, interest, or character of the Association, shall forfeit his membership. Such vote shall not be taken without giving two weeks' notice to the offender of the charges made against him, and affording him an opportunity of being heard in his defence.
8. Any member having complaints or suggestions to make as to the management of the Association must do so, in writing, to the Directors.

9. No member shall take any property whatever belonging to the Association, from its rooms or grounds except by authority of the Directors.

10. Any member wishing to resign shall make his resignation, in writing, to the Secretary, but his resignation shall not be accepted until all his dues are paid.

11. All rights and interest of member in the property and privileges of the Association shall cease with the termination of his membership.

12. Non-members may be permitted to use the Range under such restrictions and on payment of such amount as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Range shall be free to members at such times as may be fixed by the Board; at other times each shooting-party must pay such rates of target hire as may be established by the Board of Directors: *provided*, that no targets shall be let to shooting-parties on match-days of the Association, except at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

13. No betting, nor use of intoxicating drinks, nor any person under the influence of liquor, shall be allowed upon the premises of the Association.

VIII. MEETINGS.

1. The members of the Association shall hold an annual meeting on the second Tuesday of January in each year, and such special meetings as may be called pursuant to these By-Laws. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers and Directors shall hold over until their successors shall have been appointed.

2. Fifteen members present at a general or special meeting shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

IX. AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS.

Any proposition to amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing, with the signatures of at least

ten members of the Association proposing the same, to the Board of Directors; the Directors shall consider it at their next meeting, and submit it to the Association at its next meeting, notice being given to all members of the proposed changes. A two-thirds vote of all members present shall then be required for the adoption of the proposed amendment.

RULES

GOVERNING COMPETITIONS.

I. MANAGEMENT.

1. All meetings for competitions shall be conducted by an Executive Officer and his assistants. In the absence from the Range of the Executive Officer and his assistants, the members of the Executive Committee shall assume charge in the order of their names as printed in the last annual report.

2. The Executive Officer shall have control of the Range for the conduct of matches, and shall give such directions to the employés of the Association as in his judgment are necessary for the proper management of the same, and for the preservation of order. He shall have power to appoint assistant officers, and to supply them with badges.

3. The Executive Officer and his assistants are required to see that the regulations, and such directions as the Executive Officer may give, are rigidly obeyed by competitors and all other persons upon the Range.

4. Any competitor feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Executive Officer or of the Statistical Officer may present to the Secretary a statement of his grievance in writing, which shall be handed at once to the Executive Committee for its consideration. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final, subject, however, to the discretion of said committee, or any two members of it, to refer the matter to the Board of Directors for its decision.

5. Any competitor in a prize match, feeling that he suffers an injustice by reason of the score of another competitor as recorded, may file a protest with the

Executive Officer. Such protest shall be filed as soon as practicable after the occurrence, and shall in every case be filed on the day of the occurrence, save when the protest charges fraud, in which case it may be filed at any time before the prizes for that competition are delivered. Such protest shall be in writing, in duplicate, and one copy shall be at once delivered to the party protested against, and the other to the Executive Committee for its consideration. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final, subject, however, to the discretion of the Committee, or any two members of it, to refer the matter to the Board of Directors for its decision.

II. RIFLES.

The rifles allowed in the competitions are: 1st, Military rifles; 2d, Any rifles, Massachusetts Rifle Association Rules; 3d, Any rifles, National Rifle Association Rules,—and must comply with the following conditions:

1. *Military Rifles* to be such as have been adopted by the United States Government, or any foreign government, or by any State or Territory for the use of its uniformed militia, except such rifles as have been specially issued to sharp-shooters or for experimental purposes. Altering the sights or trigger pull of such rifles, except as authorized by the proper military authorities, is strictly prohibited.

2. *Any Rifle, Massachusetts Rifle Association Rules.* Rifle, any, without restrictions, except that rifles with less than 2 lbs. trigger pull must be provided with safety lock; any sights, except such front aperture sights as solid discs or bushes pierced in the centre, which cover the target so as to conceal the danger signal when displayed.

3. *Any Rifle, National Rifle Association Rules.* Maximum weight ten pounds; minimum pull of trigger three pounds; sights of any description, except telescopic, magnifying, and such front aperture sights as

any Rifle N.R.A. rules
without magnifying sights
set trigger or palm rest allowed
sights in 10 shot cover and 1 pt in more of 5 and less
than 10 shots in all matches on standard
target offhand at 200 yds except medal matches
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solid discs or bushes pierced in the centre, which cover the target so as to conceal the danger signal when displayed.

4. Competitors shall submit their rifles and ammunition to the officer in charge for inspection whenever required.

III. TARGETS.

The following-described targets may be used on any occasion ordered by the Directors:—

STANDARD AMERICAN TARGET, 4 X 6 feet.

Count 12. Bull's-eye, circular, 1.41 inches diam.

"	11.	"	"	2.33	"	"
"	10.	"	"	3.36	"	"
"	9.	"	"	5.54	"	"
"	8.	"	"	8.00	"	"
"	7.	"	"	11.00	"	"
"	6.	"	"	14.80	"	"
"	5.	"	"	19.68	"	"
"	4.	"	"	26.00	"	"
"	3.	"	"	34.22	"	"
"	2.	"	"	46.00	"	"
"	1.	"	"	4 X 6 feet.		

The 11-inch bull's-eye, with black or white centre, will be allowed in all Matches at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

GERMAN RING TARGET.

Bull's-eye, 12 inches. The whole target, including bull's-eye, divided into circles $\frac{3}{4}$ inch apart, the centre circle being $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and counting from 25 down to 1.

COLUMBIA TARGET.

Bull's-eye, 12 inches. The whole target, including bull's-eye, divided into circles $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart, the centre circle being 1 inch, and counting from 1 down to 27.

CREEDMOOR TARGET.

The targets, commonly known as Creedmoor targets, shall be divided into three classes, as follows:—

1. *First Class*, to be used at all distances over 600 yards. Target, 6 × 12 feet.

Bull's-eye, circular, 36 inches in diameter.
Centre " 54 " "
Inner, square, 6 × 6 feet.
Outer, 6 × 12 feet.

2. *Second Class*, to be used at all distances over 300 to and including 600 yards. Target, 6 × 6 feet.

Bull's-eye, circular, 22 inches in diameter.
Centre " 38 " "
Inner " 54 " "
Outer, 6 × 6 feet.

3. *Third Class*, to be used up to and including 300 yards. Target, 4 × 6 feet.

Bull's-eye, circular, 8 inches in diameter.
Centre " 26 " "
Inner " 46 " "
Outer, 4 × 6 feet.

Brown paper targets will be allowed at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

RATES FOR LETTING TARGETS AT WALNUT HILL. *see below*

1. To Members of the M.R.A. 50 cents for opening one target, including the use of the target for the first hour to any number of shooters, and 25 cents per hour for further time.

2. Non-Members, except guests of members, will each be charged 50 cents per hour when shooting on a target let to members.

3. To Non-Members, Not Members of the M.V.M. \$1.00 for opening one target, or per hour, for one

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Apr 19 shooting day Rang Kepur

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Apr 23 paid boy 75 cents
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Apr 30 no shooting

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Rates for letting targets at Walnut Hill

1 Midrange and short range (200 yards) targets

1 To Members of M.R.A. 50 cents per hour for any number of shooters.

2 Non members , except guests of members will be charged 50 cents per hour each when shooting on a target let to members.

3 Nonmembers Not members of the M.V.M. \$1.00 per hour for one shooter and \$1.25 per hour for more than one shooter.

4 Members of the M.V.M. \$1.00 per hour.

Long range targets.

Long range targets will be charged at a rate 50 % in excess of the rate charged for midrange or 200 yard targets.

75 and 100 yard range.

The use of this range will be considered as equal to the use of one 200 yard target and charged for accordingly.

50 yard range

The use of one shooting booth and two targets at this range will be considered as equal to one 200 yard target and will be charged for accordingly.

20 and 25 yard range.

The use of this range will be considered as equal to the use of one 200 yard target and will be charged for accordingly.

Charge will be made for at least one hour whenever target are opened, except on ranges 75 yards or less where minimum charge will be for one half hour.

shooter only, and \$1.25 if two or more shooters are using the target.

4. To Members of the M. V. M. \$1.00 for opening one target, or per hour, for any number of shooters.

IV. MARKING, SCORING, AND SIGNALLING.

The value of shots on all targets, except military, at the 200-yard range, is shown on a clock-face dial placed near the target, and the location of shots by an indicator plug placed in the bullet-hole.

1. On Creedmoor target. Bull's-eye counts 5; signal, white disc. Centre counts 4; signal, red disc. Inner counts 3; signal, white and black disc. Outer counts 2; signal, black disc. Shots missing the target; signal, red flag waved, right and left, in front of the target.

2. Challenges will only be permitted at the discretion of the Executive Officer, and the challenging party must deposit fifty cents, to be forfeited in case the challenge is not sustained. The Executive Officer may, in his discretion, challenge the marking of any shot the allowance of which would be unjust to other competitors, and correct the score accordingly.

3. Any objection to the scoring of a shot as signalled, or to one not signalled, must be made before another shot shall have been fired on the same target.

4. Scorers will, in cases where two discs of differing value are shown for one shot on a Creedmoor target, record the value of the one first shown; but it shall be the right of the shooter to challenge the scoring (without being required to deposit), and the Executive Officer may decide upon the evidence the actual value of the shot. Where two shots strike the target simultaneously, the shooter shall have scored to him the shot of the higher value.

5. Score-keepers shall, as each shot is signalled, call in a loud voice the name of the competitor and the value of the shot, and, at the conclusion of the score of each

Ricochets count as hits at all ranges over 200 yds

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* Questioning shot (by phone)

Submitted on deposit of 50¢
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competitor, announce in like manner his name and total score.

6. All competitors shall be allowed to examine the records of the score-keeper during the progress of the match, but in such a manner as not to interfere with or inconvenience the score-keeper.

7. Any alteration of a scoring-ticket must be witnessed by an officer in charge of the firing-point, and indorsed with his initials.

8. Unfinished scores shall be considered worthless after having been withdrawn from the scorer, and no shots can be claimed under or by virtue of the same after having been so withdrawn.

9. No scorer is allowed to have at one time more than one score-card for each shooter (except at trap-shooting), and no shooter is allowed to shoot without having an unfinished score-card deposited with the scorer.

10. Every accidental discharge and every shot fired at the wrong target shall be recorded a miss.

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V. POSITION

1. *Off-Hand.* Standing, free from any artificial support.

support.
2. Rest. Any position, but sliding carriages not allowed.

VI. TIES.

Ties shall be decided as follows

1. In single-score matches, on all targets, the score containing the fewest shots of the lowest value shall rank highest; if still a tie it shall be decided by inverse order of shots; and, if still a tie, by each competitor shooting three shots, until decided.

2. Ties in reentry matches shall be decided by the next highest score or scores.

3. No score with handicap shall exceed a perfect score.

4. Competitors who have to shoot off ties will be notified as soon after each match as practicable. When the ties are shot off, one sighting-shot shall be allowed without charge. Competitors not present at the firing-points at the hour named for shooting off the ties lose their right to shoot, and will be placed accordingly.

VII. PENALTIES.

1. Competitors must make themselves acquainted with the regulations, as the plea of ignorance will not be entertained.

2. Any person missing the target repeatedly may be barred from further shooting at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

3. A competitor failing to report at the time and target to which he is assigned, or shooting at pool or practice after the hour set for the simultaneous opening of a match, shall forfeit his entry. (The last clause will not prevent pool-shooting between scores in reentry matches.) Any member shooting at pool or practice between shots of a score shall forfeit the score.

4. Rifles may be discharged only in firing at the target in pools or matches, when the danger-flag is not exposed, or into such warming-pits as may be designated, and any competitor or other person discharging a rifle otherwise, or having a loaded shell inserted in his gun while elsewhere than upon the actual firing-point, may be disqualified at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

5. Any violation of rules or discreditable conduct which the Executive Officer may consider of such magnitude as to require it, shall be reported to the Directors for their action.

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#11 to be added to § 1V of shooting rules

otherwise than as provided in the conditions of the match

#11. If the target be moved or withdrawn just as a shot is fired the executive officer if satisfied that such was the case and on evidence from the scorekeeper or an independent witness may allow another shot. The competitor must make his claim for another shot to the scorekeeper immediately after the occurrence without waiting for the shot to be signaled.

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VIII. GENERAL RULES.

1. Temporary discontinuance of matches, on account of bad weather, and the closing limit for receiving entries, shall be at the discretion of the Executive Officer.
2. Members' entry tickets must be marked with the purchaser's name at the time of purchase. They may be transferred to another member at any reasonable time by the Statistical Officer. Any erasure or substitution of name by the holder will forfeit the ticket.
3. In single-entry matches no entry shall be made after the firing begins if any participant objects.
4. Competitors shall have choice of prizes unless otherwise stated.
5. Bull's-eye certificates not presented within thirty days, and prizes not claimed within three months after having been won, shall be forfeited to the Association.
6. No more than four shooters shall be allowed on any one target, except at the discretion of the Executive Officer.
7. No competitor shall be allowed to use more than one name besides his own in any one prize match.
8. All match and prize shooting at the range on regular shooting days shall be done between the hours of 8.30 o'clock, A.M., and 5.30 P.M., and no score-card shall be received by the scorers after 5.15 P.M.
9. Members may introduce guests, who may be granted members' shooting privileges in practice matches, for one day, with the approval of the Executive Officer.
10. No person but the scorer shall be allowed to use the electric signals for targets, and any shooter using such signal shall forfeit his score.
11. All competitors and other persons must preserve order and decorum, submit to the direction and decisions of the Executive Officer, and make all objections

The same individual shall not be given guest privileges twice in the same calendar year.

A member may introduce only one guest on any one day
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and protests, if any, to the proper officials, in a manner which will not disturb others.

12. Regular shooting days shall be every Saturday, every Wednesday afternoon, and every legal holiday except the Fourth of July, unless otherwise ordered by the Directors; also such other days as the Directors may order.

TRAP-SHOOTING MATCHES.

All competitions at Trap-Shooting shall be conducted according to the rules of the Massachusetts State Trap-Shooting Association.

Rental of lockers to be ¹⁸ 2 per year.
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RULES FOR PISTOL AND REVOLVER SHOOTING.

1. In all matches, when not otherwise mentioned, either the single-shot pistol, magazine pistol, or revolver will be permitted upon equal conditions; but if matches call for any particular arm the shooting must be done with that arm.

2. Classification of Arms—A. "Military revolver;" B. "Any revolver;" C. "Pocket revolver;" D. "Magazine pistol;" E. "Any pistol."

A. "Military revolver:" A revolver that has been adopted by any government for armament of its army or navy, or that is constructed for military service, provided it conforms in model, trigger pull, sights, and ammunition, to revolvers used in military service; minimum trigger pull, four pounds; the front and rear sights must be fixed. Sights unfit for military service shall not be allowed on military revolvers.

B. "Any revolver:" A revolver of any caliber; maximum length of bore, including cylinder, 10 inches; minimum trigger pull, $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds; a lateral sliding bar or wind gauge may be used on rear open sight, also any elevating front or rear open sight; sights must not be more than ten inches apart.

C. "Pocket revolver:" A revolver of maximum length of bore, exclusive of cylinder, 4 inches; minimum trigger pull, $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. The sights and handles must be of such form as to permit ready removal from pocket.

D. "Magazine Pistol:" A pistol with a magazine other than a revolving magazine; maximum length of bore, 10 inches; minimum trigger pull, four pounds.

E. "Any pistol:" maximum length of bore, 10 inches; minimum trigger pull, two pounds; a lateral sliding bar or wind gauge may be used on rear open sight, also any elevating front or rear open sight; sights must not be more than ten inches apart.

3. Sights for all Revolvers and Pistols—The front and rear sights must be open; the notch of a rear sight, to be considered open, must be as wide at the top of the notch as at any part; the use of a notch for a front sight will not be permitted. No aperture or peep sights, nor any manner of covered sights, shall be permitted. Sights may be smoked or blackened in any desired manner.

4. Ammunition—If factory ammunition is called for, it shall be of any make, of any established manufacturer, generally procurable in the open market, and brought to the shooting point in unbroken boxes, with the label of the manufacturer intact.

5. Loading, Firing and Cleaning—In match shooting competitors may clean their arms between scores or between series of shots, provided such cleaning does not delay the firing, which shall be at the rate of at least one shot a minute, when no special time limit is required. In case of accident, the time may be extended at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

In matches confined to revolvers, the cylinder must be fully charged, or a sufficient number of chambers charged to complete the score or series. With magazine pistols the magazine must be fully charged or contain sufficient cartridges to complete the score or series. Blowing into or cleaning the barrel in any way will not be permitted, except when the cylinder is completely discharged or the magazine is empty.

No arms shall be loaded except at the firing point, the muzzle of piece being kept in the direction of the target till the arm is either discharged or unloaded.

Misfires shall not count; but an accidental discharge shall, in every instance, be scored a shot.

6. Position—The position shall be as follows: Standing, free from any artificial support, the pistol or revolver held in one hand only, with the arm extended free from the body, and unsupported in any way.

7. Targets.—The 200 yards Standard American target shall be used in matches at 50 yards distance with "any revolver" and "any pistol." The same target reduced to one-half size in matches at 30 yards distance. The same target reduced and having a $2\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bull's-eye, in matches at 20 yards distance.

The United States 200 yards target, with elliptical bull's-eye, shall be used in all military matches with "military revolver" and with "magazine pistol" at 50 yards.

Any other target approved by the Executive Committee may be used at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

8. Marking and Scoring.—Unless otherwise specified each competitor shall have a separate target provided. As far as possible all shots shall be spotted through the telescope as fired, and recorded on the score-card. Each competitor shall fire his score throughout, when the target will be examined by the scorer and any doubtful shots recorded.

When shooting 10-shot pistol or revolver scores, if it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Executive Officer that a shot has been fired on the target by another shooter, such shot may be thrown out, or 1/11 subtracted from the total of the 11 shots, all fractions to be disregarded.

If a bullet touches a line the count of that line is given; shots on or within that line count the same. The eye alone shall determine the count. Placing a bullet or other article in the shot hole by any competitor or scorer is not permitted.

Medal matches in 1902

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WINNERS OF GOLD SHIELD MEDALS, COLUMBIA TARGET, AND SCORES.

1900.	H. Hutchinson	9	9	10	12	12	8	11	12	11	10
	J. T. Humphrey	12	12	11	12	12	10	11	10	12	12
	†H. A. Baker	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	*T. Anderton	6	6	6	7	7	4	6	5	7	6
	*E. E. Patridge	6	7	6	5	7	4	5	6	5	4
	W. F. Spénce	11	11	9	7	8	12	11	12	5	10
	J. E. Kelley	8	8	10	12	12	12	11	10	12	10
	†D. L. F. Chase	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	*C. B. Pratt	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	5	7	7
	*A. S. Knight	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
	H. M. Pope	12	12	11	9	11	10	5	11	10	10

† Won at rest. * Won with pistol.

A.—ALL-COMERS' PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to all comers. Distance, 200 yards. Rounds, 10. Entry fee, 15 cents.

B.—MEMBERS' PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to members only. Distance, 200 yards. Rounds, 10. Entry fee, 10 tickets of 10 shots each for \$1.00.

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C.—SHORT RANGE PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to all comers. Distance, short range, where one boy acts as scorer and marker. Rounds, 10. Entry fee, 7 tickets of 10 shots each, to members, 50 cents; to non-members, 70 cents.

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D.—SIGHTING SHOT TICKETS.

CONDITIONS.—Tickets good for 10 shots sold to all comers at 15 cents each. Shooters allowed to shoot one or more shots at 200 yards, on any target, by permission of Executive Officer.

No member will be eligible to receive any prizes or medals from the Association whose dues are not paid in full.

Winners of medals or badges in any match will be barred from winning duplicates, but will be eligible to compete for any other medal or badge, but only with scores made subsequent to the ten scores last winning a medal or badge.

During the current matches and until further notice, either the 8- or 11-inch bull's-eye, and the 11-inch bull's-eye with white 10 centre, may be used in all matches at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

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E.—RIFLE MEDAL AND BADGE MATCH.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1902.

OFF-HAND, REST, AND MILITARY.

OFF-HAND CONDITIONS. N. R. A. RULES.

Open to members only. Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Target, Standard American. Rifle, 10 pounds or less.

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Minimum Trigger pull, 3 pounds. Telescope sights barred. Entries unlimited, at 25 cents each. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 86, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1891, will be required to make 10 scores of 87, or better, to win this medal.
- 2d. Gold Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 85, or better, except that winners of the Gold Victory Medal will be required to make 10 scores of 86, or better, to win this medal.
- 3d. Gold Eagle Badge, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 4th. Gold and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 5th. Gold Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 81, or better.
- 6th. Silver Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 7th. Silver Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 8th. Bronze Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 9th. Bronze Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 10th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 11th. Silver and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 72, or better.
- 12th. Silver Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 70, or better.
- 13th. Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 68, or better.
- 14th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 67, or better.
- 15th. Bronze Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 65, or better.

OFF-HAND CONDITIONS, FOR ANY RIFLE, WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.

Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Target, Standard American. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 88 or better, except that members joining after Jan. 1, 1902, shall be required to make 10 scores of 90, or better.
- 2d. Gold Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 87, or better, except that from members joining after Jan. 1, 1902, 10 scores of 88 are required.
- 3d. Gold Eagle Badge, for 10 scores of 84, or better.
- 4th. Gold and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 84, or better.
- 5th. Gold Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 6th. Silver Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 84, or better.
- 7th. Silver Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 8th. Bronze Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 9th. Bronze Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 78, or better.
- 10th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 78 or better.
- 11th. Silver and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 12th. Silver Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 13th. Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 72, or better.
- 14th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 70, or better.
- 15th. Bronze Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 65, or better.

REST CONDITIONS.

Distance, 200 yards. Rounds, 10, on Standard American Target, with rest bull's-eye. Rifle, any, without restriction, except that hair

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triggers must be provided with safety lock, and telescope rifle will be handicapped one point on each score. Position, any. Sliding cartridges not allowed. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 113, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1895, will be required to make 10 scores of 115, or better, to win this medal, and persons joining after Jan. 1, 1898, will be required to make 10 scores of 116, or better, to win this medal, and persons joining after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 116, or better, of which 5 scores must count 117, or better, to win this medal.
- 2d. Gold Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 112, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1895, will be required to make 10 scores of 113, or better, to win this medal, and persons joining after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 115, or better, to win this medal.
- 3d. Gold and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 110, or better, except that persons joining after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 112, or better, to win this medal.
- 4th. Gold Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 109, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 111, or better, to win this medal.
- 5th. Gold Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 108, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 110, or better, to win this medal.
- 6th. Silver Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 108, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 110, or better, to win this medal.
- 7th. Silver Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 107, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 109, or better, to win this medal.
- 8th. Bronze Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 105, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 107, or better, to win this medal.
- 9th. Bronze Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 104, or better.
- 10th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 104, or better.
- 11th. Silver and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 102, or better.
- 12th. Silver Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 100, or better.
- 13th. Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 100, or better.
- 14th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 97, or better.
- 15th. Bronze Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 96, or better.

MILITARY CONDITIONS.

Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Standard American Target. Creedmoor count. Open to military rifles as issued by the State. No cleaning allowed during each score. Prizes as follows:

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1st. Gold Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 45, or better.
 2d. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 42, or better.
 3d. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 38, or better.

WINNERS OF MEDALS, OFF-HAND. — E MATCH.

H. M. Pope..... Gold Seal Medal.
 C. A. Coombs..... Gold Eagle Badge.
 C. A. Coombs..... Gold Membership Badge.
 T. Carlson..... Silver Eagle Badge.
 T. Carlson..... Silver Membership Badge.
 T. Carlson..... Bronze Victory Medal.
 T. Carlson..... Bronze Seal Medal.
 A. O. Niedner..... Bronze Seal Medal.
 R. S. Hale..... Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge.
 E. E. Partridge..... Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge.

WINNERS OF MEDALS, REST. — E MATCH.

I. J. Mead..... Gold Seal Medal.
 I. J. Mead..... Gold and Enamel Membership Badge.

F. — MILITARY MEDAL MATCH.

CONDITIONS. — Open to all comers using military rifles as issued by the State. Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Creedmoor count. Standard American Target. Entries unlimited, 25 cents each. No cleaning allowed during scores. Prizes as follows:

1st. Gold Medal, for 10 scores of 46, or better.
 2d. Silver and Gold Medal, for 10 scores of 44, or better.
 3d. Silver Medal, for 10 scores of 42, or better.
 4th. Bronze and Silver Medal, for 10 scores of 40, or better.
 5th. Bronze Medal, for 10 scores of 36, or better.

WINNERS OF MEDALS. — F MATCH.

C. L. Bouvè..... Silver and Gold Medal.
 C. L. Bouvè..... Silver Medal.
 C. L. Bouvè..... Bronze and Silver Medal.
 C. L. Bouvè..... Bronze Medal.
 J. F. Williams..... Silver and Gold Medal.
 J. F. Williams..... Silver Medal.
 J. F. Williams..... Bronze and Silver Medal.
 J. F. Williams..... Bronze Medal.
 W. A. Durward..... Silver and Gold Medal.
 F. C. Kean..... Silver and Gold Medal.

G. — PISTOL MEDAL AND BADGE MATCH.

CONDITIONS. — Open to members only. Distance, 50 yards. Rounds, 10. Target, 200 yards Standard American. M. R. A. rules to govern, except pistols and revolvers will be admitted on equal terms. Entries, unlimited, at 15 cents each. Prizes as follows:

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1st. Gold Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 92, or better.
 2d. Gold Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 92, or better.
 3d. Silver and Gold Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 89, or better.
 4th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 88, or better.
 5th. Silver Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 86, or better.
 6th. Bronze and Silver Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 81, or better.
 7th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
 8th. Bronze Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 75, or better.

WINNERS OF MEDALS. — G MATCH.

W. Amory, 2d..... Gold Medal.
 W. Amory, 2d..... Silver and Gold Medal.
 R. S. Hale..... Gold Medal.
 R. S. Hale..... Bronze Eagle Badge.

H. — MILITARY REVOLVER MATCH.

CONDITIONS. — Open only to members of the M. V. M., U. S. N., and M. R. A. Distance, 50 yards. Rounds, 6, to be fired in one minute. Target, Creedmoor or U. S. Elliptical, 200 yards size. Revolver, any allowed by the State or U. S. Navy, with full charge of ammunition. Position, standing, without support and arm extended. Minimum trigger pull, 4 pounds. Entries unlimited, at 15 cents each, for score of 6 shots. Prizes as follows:

1st. Gold Medal, for 10 scores of 29, or better.
 2d. Silver and Gold Medal for 10 scores of 28, or better.
 3d. Silver Medal, for 10 scores of 27, or better.
 4th. Bronze and Silver Medal, for 10 scores of 26, or better.
 5th. Bronze Medal, for 10 scores of 25, or better.

WINNERS OF MEDALS. — H MATCH.

C. L. Bouvè..... Gold Medal.
 C. L. Bouvè..... Silver and Gold Medal.
 C. L. Bouvè..... Silver Medal.
 C. L. Bouvè..... Bronze and Silver Medal.
 B. S. Clark..... Gold Medal.
 W. S. Ripley, Jr..... Gold Medal.
 J. C. Cobb, Jr..... Gold Medal.
 G. Rogers..... Silver Medal.
 F. Hitchcock..... Silver and Gold Medal.
 L. Davis..... Silver Medal.
 O. D. Dickerman..... Bronze and Silver Medal.
 S. J. Wilde..... Bronze Medal.
 E. J. Cowling..... Bronze Medal.
 H. B. Weston..... Bronze Medal.

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MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

CURRENT MATCHES.

CORRECTED TO MAY 1, 1903.

A.—ALL-COMERS' PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to all comers. Distance, 200 yards. Rounds, 10. Entry fee, 15 cents.

B.—MEMBERS' PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to members only. Distance, 200 yards. Rounds, 10. Entry fee, 10 tickets of 10 shots each for \$1.00.

C.—SHORT RANGE PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to all comers. Distance, short range, where one boy acts as scorer and marker. Rounds, 10. Entry fee, 7 tickets of 10 shots each, to members, 50 cents; to non-members, 70 cents.

D.—SIGHTING SHOT TICKETS.

CONDITIONS.—Tickets good for 10 shots sold to all comers at 15 cents each. Shooters allowed to shoot one or more shots at 200 yards, on any target, by permission of Executive Officer.

No member will be eligible to receive any prizes or medals from the Association whose dues are not paid in full.

Winners of medals or badges in any match will be barred from winning duplicates, but will be eligible to compete for any other medal or badge, but only with scores made subsequent to the ten scores last winning a medal or badge.

During the current matches and until further notice, either the 8- or 11-inch bull's-eye, and the 11-inch bull's-eye with white 10 centre, may be used in all matches at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

E.—RIFLE MEDAL AND BADGE MATCH.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1902.

OFF-HAND, REST, AND MILITARY.

OFF-HAND CONDITIONS. N. R. A. RULES.

Open to members only. Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Target, Standard American. Rifle, 10 pounds or less. Minimum Trigger pull, 3 pounds. Telescope sights barred. Entries unlimited, at 25 cents each. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 86, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1902, will be required to make 10 scores of 87, or better, to win this medal.
- 2d. Gold Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 85, or better, except that winners of the Gold Victory Medal will be required to make 10 scores of 86, or better, to win this medal.
- 3d. Gold Eagle Badge, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 4th. Gold and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 5th. Gold Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 81, or better.
- 6th. Silver Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 7th. Silver Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 8th. Bronze Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 9th. Bronze Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 10th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 11th. Silver and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 72, or better.
- 12th. Silver Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 70, or better.
- 13th. Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 68, or better.
- 14th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 67, or better.
- 15th. Bronze Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 65, or better.

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OFF-HAND CONDITIONS, FOR ANY RIFLE, WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.

Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Target, Standard American. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 88 or better, except that members joining after Jan. 1, 1902, shall be required to make 10 scores of 90, or better.
- 2d. Gold Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 87, or better, except that from members joining after Jan. 1, 1902, 10 scores of 88 are required.
- 3d. Gold Eagle Badge, for 10 scores of 84, or better.
- 4th. Gold and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 84, or better.
- 5th. Gold Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 6th. Silver Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 84, or better.
- 7th. Silver Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 8th. Bronze Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 9th. Bronze Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 78, or better.
- 10th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 78 or better.
- 11th. Silver and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 12th. Silver Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 13th. Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 72, or better.
- 14th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 70, or better.
- 15th. Bronze Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 65, or better.

REST CONDITIONS.

Distance, 200 yards. Rounds, 10, on Standard American Target, with rest bull's-eye. Rifle, any, without restriction, except that hair triggers must be provided with safety lock, and telescope rifle will be handicapped one point on each score. Position, any. Sliding carriages not allowed. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 113, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1895, will be required to make 10 scores of 115, or better, to win this medal, and persons joining after Jan. 1, 1898, will be required to make 10 scores of 116, or better, to win this medal, and persons joining after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 116, or better, of which 5 scores must count 117, or better, to win this medal.
- 2d. Gold Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 112, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1895, will be required to make 10 scores of 113, or better, to win this medal, and persons joining after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 115, or better, to win this medal.
- 3d. Gold and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 110, or better, except that persons joining after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 112, or better, to win this medal.
- 4th. Gold Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 109, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 111, or better, to win this medal.
- 5th. Gold Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 108, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 110, or better, to win this medal.
- 6th. Silver Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 108, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 110, or better, to win this medal.
- 7th. Silver Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 107, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 109, or better to win this medal.
- 8th. Bronze Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 105, or better, except that persons joining the Association after Jan. 1, 1900, will be required to make 10 scores of 107, or better, to win this medal.
- 9th. Bronze Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 104, or better.
- 10th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 104, or better.
- 11th. Silver and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 102, or better.
- 12th. Silver Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 100, or better.
- 13th. Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 100, or better.
- 14th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 97, or better.
- 15th. Bronze Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 96, or better.

MILITARY CONDITIONS.

Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Standard American Target. Creedmoor count. Open to military rifles as issued by the State. No cleaning allowed during each score. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 45, or better.
- 2d. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 42, or better.
- 3d. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 38, or better.

F. — MILITARY MEDAL MATCH.

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CONDITIONS. — Open to all comers using military rifles as issued by the State. Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Creedmoor count. Standard American Target. Entries unlimited, 25 cents each. No cleaning allowed during scores. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Medal, for 10 scores of 46, or better.
- 2d. Silver and Gold Medal, for 10 scores of 44, or better.
- 3d. Silver Medal, for 10 scores of 42, or better.
- 4th. Bronze and Silver Medal, for 10 scores of 40, or better.
- 5th. Bronze Medal, for 10 scores of 36, or better.

NOTE. — Any person who was a member of the Association on Dec. 31, 1902, and has been continuously a member since that time may win any of the pistol or revolver medals or badges under the conditions obtaining in 1902.

G. — PISTOL MEDAL AND BADGE MATCH.

CONDITIONS. — Open to members only. Distance, 50 yards. Rounds, 10. Target, 200 yards Standard American. M. R. A. rules to govern, except pistols and revolvers will be admitted on equal terms. Entries, unlimited, at 15 cents each. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 94, or better.
- 2d. Gold Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 92, or better.
- 3d. Silver and Gold Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 91, or better.
- 4th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 88, or better.
- 5th. Silver Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 88, or better.
- 6th. Bronze and Silver Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 83, or better.
- 7th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 8th. Bronze Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 75, or better.

I. — M. R. A. SHIELD MEDAL MATCH, OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY.**OFF-HAND CONDITIONS.**

Rifle, any. M. R. A. rules. Rounds, 3. Target, Columbia. Distance, 200 yards. Entries unlimited, at 10 cents each. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 12, or better.
- 2d. Silver Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 15, or better.
- 3d. Bronze Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 18, or better.

REST CONDITIONS.

Rifle, any. M. R. A. rules. Rounds, 3. Target, Columbia. Distance, 200 yards. Entries unlimited, at 10 cents each. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 3.
- 2d. Silver Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 5, or better.
- 3d. Bronze Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 7, or better.

J. — PISTOL AND REVOLVER CONDITIONS.

Pistol or revolver, any. M. R. A. rules. Rounds, 3. Target, Columbia. Distance, 50 yards. Entries, unlimited, at 10 for 70 cents. Revolvers may be used as pistols. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 7, or better.
- 2d. Silver Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 10, or better.
- 3d. Bronze Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 13, or better.

K. — MILITARY REVOLVER MATCH.

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CONDITIONS. — Open only to members of the M. V. M., U. S. N. and U. S. Elliptical, 300 yards size. Revolver, any allowed by the State or U. S. Navy, with full charge of ammunition. Position, standing, without support and arm extended. Minimum trigger pull, 4 pounds. Entries unlimited, at 15 cents each. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Medal, for 10 scores of 50.
- 2d. Silver and Gold Medal, for 10 scores of 48, or better.
- 3d. Silver Medal, for 10 scores of 46, or better.
- 4th. Silver and Bronze Medal, for 10 scores of 44, or better.
- 5th. Bronze Medal, for 10 scores of 42, or better.

B. — QUICK FIRING MATCH.

CONDITIONS. — Open to members only. Distance, 50 yards. Rounds, 6, to be fired in 15 seconds timing from the word fire. The shooter must stand with the handle of his weapon touching his thigh, until the command fire is given. Target, Standard American, 200 yards size. Weapon, any revolver or magazine pistol allowed by M. R. A. rules. Entries unlimited, at 10 cents each, for score of 6 shots. In any time limit match, the timekeeper shall, if requested by the shooter, announce audibly the time of each shot or the expiration of any interval of the time allowed. Prizes as follows:

- 1st. Gold Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 50, or better.
- 2d. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 46, or better.
- 3d. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 40, or better.

ANNUAL MATCHES.**THE M. R. A. CREEDMOOR TROPHY MATCH.**

CONDITIONS. — Open to members only. To be shot on the second Saturday in June of each year. Off-hand conditions. Target, Standard American. Rounds, 30. Rifles, any, without restrictions, except cal. not to exceed .38, and weight not to exceed 20 lbs. Entry, three members' tickets, of 10 shots each. Scores must be finished without undue delay after being deposited with the scorer. Trophy may be held by the winner, but must be returned to the treasurer on or before June 1 of the year following. Names of the winners will be suitably inscribed on the trophy.

THE VICTOR TROPHY MATCH.

CONDITIONS. — Open to members only. To be shot on the second Saturday in June of each year. Rest conditions. Target, Standard American, with rest bull's-eye. Rounds, 30. Rifles, any, without restrictions, except cal. not to exceed .38, and weight not to exceed 20 lbs. Entry, three member's tickets of 10 shots each. Scores must be finished without undue delay after being deposited with the scorer. Trophy may be held by the winner, but must be returned to the treasurer on or before June 1 of the year following. Names of the winners will be suitably inscribed on the trophy.

DIRECTORS' MEDAL MATCH.

To be shot on the last Saturday in December.

CONDITIONS. — Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Target, Standard American. Rifle, any within the rules. Entry, free. Medal to be the property of the winner, and no Director is allowed to win a duplicate. Honorary Life Directors will be allowed to compete for this medal.

TROPHY MATCHES.**EXPERT OFF-HAND TROPHY.**

CONDITIONS. — Open to members only. Rifle, any, without restrictions. Commencing Jan. 1, 1901, a trophy will be given to the member making 10 clean scores by Creedmoor count. Any target, showing Creedmoor bull's-eye.

SPECIAL MATCHES.**HUNTING MATCH. M. R. A.**

Open from April 25 to Oct. 1, 1903. Rifle, any weighing not over 10 pounds. Sights, any. Trigger pull, any. Target, about 3 feet square, of buff or brown color, bull's-eye 4 in. by 5 in. of same color as rest of target. Bull's-eye counts 5, next ring 4, and so on. Ammunition, any, provided it is fixed so as to stand reasonably rough usage, and has the equivalent of at least 40 grains black powder. Entry, any 10-shot ticket of which only five shots can be used, the rest being marked off. Re-entries permitted. Number of shots per entry, 5. Each shot must be fired as follows: the shooter stands with gun below the elbow, the scorer commands fire, one, two, three, at second intervals. The shot must be fired before the word three, or it counts as a miss. Prizes:

For 10 scores of 23, or better, a Stone Beer Mug.

For 10 scores of 24 or better, a Pewter Mug.

For 10 scores of 25 or better, a Silver-plated Mug.

NOTE. — This match is intended for hunting rifles, but the conditions of the target and time limit have been so chosen, it is thought that restrictions on the rifle itself, sights, etc., are not necessary.

LONG RANGE RE-ENTRY MATCH.

Open from May 1 to October 1.

Rifle, sights and position, any. Target, Standard American. Rounds, 10. Tickets, present long range. No artificial rest. Prizes, one less than number of contestants, but not to exceed ten in any event.

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MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

CURRENT MATCHES

CORRECTED TO JANUARY 1, 1904.

A. — ALL-COMERS' PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to all comers. Distance, 200 yards. Rounds, 10. Entry fee, 15 cents.

B. — MEMBERS' PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to members only. Distance, 200 yards. Rounds, 10. Entry fee, 10 tickets of 10 shots each for \$1.00.

C. — SHORT RANGE PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to members only. Distance, short range, where one person acts as scorer and marker. Rounds, 10. Entrance fee, 7 tickets of 10 shots each, to members, 50 cents.

CC. — ALL COMERS' SHORT RANGE PRACTICE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to all comers. Distance, short range, where one person acts as scorer and marker. Rounds, 10. Entry fee, 10 cents.

D. — SIGHTING SHOT TICKETS, 200 YARDS OR LESS.

CONDITIONS.—Tickets good for 10 shots sold to all comers at 15 cents each. Shooters allowed to shoot one or more shots at 200 yards, on any target, by permission of Executive Officer.

DD. — SIGHTING SHOT TICKETS, 300 YARDS OR MORE.

CONDITIONS.—Tickets good for 5 shots sold to all comers at 15 cents each. Shooters allowed to shoot one or more shots at any range, on any target, by permission of the Executive Officer.

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E. — RIFLE MEDAL AND BADGE MATCH.

From January 1 to December 31, 1904.

OFF-HAND, REST, AND MILITARY.

OFF-HAND CONDITIONS. N. R. A. RULES.

Open to members only. Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Target, Standard American. Rifle, 10 pounds or less. Minimum Trigger pull, 3 pounds. Telescope sights barred. Entries unlimited, at 25 cents each.

Prizes as follows:—

- 1st. Gold Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 87, or better.
- 2d. Gold Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 85, or better, except that winners of the Gold Victory Medal will be required to make 10 scores of 86, or better, to win this medal.
- 3d. Gold Eagle Badge, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 4th. Gold and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 5th. Gold Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 81, or better.
- 6th. Silver Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 7th. Silver Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 8th. Bronze Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 9th. Bronze Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 10th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 11th. Silver and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 72, or better.
- 12th. Silver Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 70, or better.
- 13th. Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 68, or better.
- 14th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 67, or better.
- 15th. Bronze Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 65, or better.

OFF-HAND CONDITIONS, FOR ANY RIFLE, WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.

Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Target, Standard American. Prizes as follows:—

- 1st. Gold Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 90, or better.
- 2d. Gold Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 88, or better.
- 3d. Gold Eagle Badge, for 10 scores of 84, or better.
- 4th. Gold and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 84, or better.

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- 5th. Gold Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 6th. Silver Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 84, or better.
- 7th. Silver Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 82, or better.
- 8th. Bronze Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 9th. Bronze Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 78, or better.
- 10th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 78, or better.
- 11th. Silver and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 12th. Silver Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 75, or better.
- 13th. Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 72, or better.
- 14th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 70, or better.
- 15th. Bronze Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 65, or better.

REST CONDITIONS.

Distance, 200 yards. Rounds, 10, on Standard American Target, with rest bull's-eye. Rifle, any, without restriction, except that hair triggers must be provided with safety lock, and telescope rifle will be handicapped one point on each score. Position, any. Sliding carriages not allowed. Prizes as follows:—

- 1st. Gold Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 116, or better, of which 5 scores must count 117, or better.
- 2d. Gold Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 115, or better.
- 3d. Gold and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 112, or better.
- 4th. Gold Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 111, or better.
- 5th. Gold Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 110, or better.
- 6th. Silver Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 110, or better.
- 7th. Silver Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 109, or better.
- 8th. Bronze Victory Medal, for 10 scores of 107, or better.
- 9th. Bronze Seal Medal, for 10 scores of 104, or better.
- 10th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 104, or better.
- 11th. Silver and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 102, or better.
- 12th. Silver Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 100, or better.
- 13th. Bronze and Enamel Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 100, or better.

- 14th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 97, or better.
- 15th. Bronze Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 96, or better.

G.—PISTOL MEDAL AND BADGE MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to members only. Distance, 50 yards. Rounds, 10. Target, 200 yards Standard American. M. R. A. rules to govern, except pistols and revolvers will be admitted on equal terms. Entries, unlimited, at 15 cents each. Prizes as follows:—

- 1st. Gold Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 94, or better.
- 2d. Gold Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 92, or better.
- 3d. Silver and Gold Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 91, or better.
- 4th. Silver Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 88, or better.
- 5th. Silver Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 88, or better.
- 6th. Bronze and Silver Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 83, or better.
- 7th. Bronze Eagle Membership Badge, for 10 scores of 80, or better.
- 8th. Bronze Pistol Medal, for 10 scores of 75, or better.

I.—M. R. A. SHIELD MEDAL MATCH, OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY.

OFF-HAND CONDITIONS.

Rifle, any. M. R. A. rules. Rounds, 3. Target, Columbia. Distance, 200 yards. Entries, unlimited, at 10 cents each. Prizes as follows:—

- 1st. Gold Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 12, or better.
- 2d. Silver Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 15, or better.
- 3d. Bronze Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 18, or better.

REST CONDITIONS.

Rifle, any. M. R. A. rules. Rounds, 3. Target, Columbia. Distance, 200 yards. Entries, unlimited, at 10 cents each. Prizes as follows:—

- 1st. Gold Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 3.
- 2d. Silver Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 5, or better.
- 3d. Bronze Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 7, or better.

J.—PISTOL AND REVOLVER CONDITIONS.

Pistol or revolver, any. M. R. A. rules. Rounds, 3. Target, Columbia. Distance, 50 yards. Entries, unlimited, at 10 for 70 cents. Revolvers may be used as pistols. Prizes as follows:—

- 1st. Gold Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 7, or better.
- 2d. Silver Shield Medal, for 10 scores of 10, or better.
- 3d. Bronze Shield Medal for 10 scores of 13, or better.

K.—MEMBERS' LONG AND MID RANGE AND 300-YARD PRACTICE MATCH.

Open to members only. Rounds, 10. Range, any. Entry, 20 cents.

KK.—ALL-COMERS' LONG RANGE AND MID RANGE AND 300-YARD PRACTICE MATCH.

Open to all comers. Range, any. Rounds, 10. Entry, 25 cents.

L—MILITARY REVOLVER MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open only to members of the M. V. M., U. S. N. and M. R. A. Distance, 50 yards. Rounds, 10. Target, Creedmoor, 300 yards size. Revolver, any allowed by the State or U. S. Navy in 1903 for qualifications, with full charge of ammunition. Position, standing, without support, and arm extended. Minimum trigger pull, 4 pounds. Entries unlimited, at 15 cents each. Prizes as follows:—

- 1st. Gold Medal, for 10 scores of 50.
- 2d. Silver and Gold Medal, for 10 scores of 48, or better.
- 3d. Silver Medal, for 10 scores of 46, or better.
- 4th. Silver and Bronze Medal, for 10 scores of 44, or better.
- 5th. Bronze Medal, for 10 scores of 42, or better.

N—QUICK FIRING REVOLVER MATCH. SUBJECT TO CHANGE AFTER 1904.

CONDITIONS.—Open to members only. Distance, 50 yards. Rounds, 10, to be fired in 2 strings of 5 shots each, each string to be fired in 10 seconds from time command to fire is given. Shooter stands with pistol at "raise pistol" till command is given. Target standard. Entries unlimited at 10 cents each for score of 10 shots. Weapon, any revolver or magazine pistol allowed by M. R. A. rules. Prizes as follows:—

- 1st. Gold eagle membership badge for 10 scores of 65, or better.
- 2d. Silver eagle membership badge for 10 scores of 60, or better.
- 3d. Bronze eagle membership badge for 10 scores of 50, or better.

Members who have won eagle membership badges previous to 1904 may win cups as follows in match N during 1904.

- 1st. Silver cup.
- 2d. Pewter cup.
- 3d. Stone cup.

For match F see p 55

FF

see however p 54 as to
match H and elliptical target on L

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GENERAL CONDITIONS, MEDAL AND BADGE RE-ENTRY MATCHES.

No member will be eligible to receive any prizes or medal from the Association whose dues are not paid in full.

Winners of medals or badges will be barred from winning duplicates, but will be eligible to compete for any other medal or badge, but only with scores made subsequent to the 10 scores last winning a medal or badge.

All medal and badge matches run from January 1 to December 31.

Medals and badges not claimed by January 15 of following year will be forfeited unless time be extended by Directors.

Medal and badge matches whose conditions are laid down as subject to change, may be changed at the end of any calendar year and the new conditions shall apply to all competitors.

Medal and badge matches to which the specification in regard to change is not attached, may be changed at the end of any calendar year, but such change shall not operate to prevent any member whose membership has been continuous since the time of the change, from winning the medal under the old conditions if he so prefer.

During the current matches and until further notice, either the 8 or 11-inch bull's-eye, and the 11-inch bull's-eye with white 10 centre, may be used in all matches at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

Gold victory medals must be
engraved before delivery to winner
other medals not
Director meeting April 3 1900

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ANNUAL MATCHES.

THE M. R. A. CREEDMOOR TROPHY MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to members only. To be shot on the second Saturday in June of each year. Off-hand conditions. Target, Standard American. Rounds, 30. Rifles, any, without restrictions, except cal. not to exceed .38, and weight not to exceed 20 lbs. Entry, three members' tickets of 10 shots each. Scores must be finished without undue delay after being deposited with the scorer. Trophy may be held by the winner, but must be returned to the treasurer on or before June 1 of the year following. Names of the winners will be suitably inscribed on the trophy.

THE VICTOR TROPHY MATCH.

CONDITIONS.—Open to members only. To be shot on the second Saturday in June of each year. Rest conditions. Target, Standard American, with rest bull's-eye. Rounds, 30. Rifles, any, without restrictions, except cal. not to exceed .38, and weight not to exceed 20 lbs. Entry, three members' tickets of 10 shots each. Scores must be finished without undue delay after being deposited with the scorer. Trophy may be held by the winner, but must be returned to the treasurer on or before June 1 of the year following. Names of the winners will be suitably inscribed on the trophy.

DIRECTORS' MEDAL MATCH.

To be shot on the last Saturday in December.

CONDITIONS.—Distance, 200 yards. Position, off-hand. Rounds, 10. Target, Standard American. Rifle, any within the rules. Entry, free. Medal to be the property of the winner, and no Director is allowed to win a duplicate. Honorary Life Directors will be allowed to compete for this medal.

EXPERT OFF-HAND TROPHY.

CONDITIONS.—Open to members only. Rifles, any, without restrictions. Commencing January 1, 1901, a trophy will be given to the member making 10 clean scores by Creedmoor count. Any target, showing Creedmoor bull's-eye.

N. R. A. MEDAL MATCH.

To be shot on third Saturday in October. Distance 1000 yards. Position, any without artificial rest. Rounds, 20. Target, N. R. A. Entry, two long range tickets. Open to members only. Rifle, any weighing not over 10 lbs. Sights, any. Two sighting shots allowed, but no other shooting allowed to shooter on day of match before shooting his score.

ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP REST MEDAL.

Open to members only. Rifles, any allowed in match E in 1903. Distance, 200 yards. Target, Standard with rest. Entry, any 10-shot 200-yard ticket. For 10 bull's-eye. Entry, any 10-shot 200-yard ticket. For 10 scores of 118, or better (117 or better with peep sights), the Association Championship Rest Medal, or if, the shooter has won this medal before, an appropriate bar.

Only one medal or bar to be awarded any calendar year. If two or more shooters make the required scores the medal or bar will be awarded to the one whose 10 scores have the highest total.

Whenever a medal or bar is won, the requirement for the next year will be one point higher. Whenever two years go by without the award of a medal or bar the requirement for the next year will be one point lower, except that until the medal has been won once, the requirement will be lowered one point each year.

This match adopted December, 1903, for first competition in 1904.

ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP OFF-HAND MEDAL.

Open to members only. Rifle, any. Distance, 200 yards. Target, Standard. Entry, any 10-shot 200-yard ticket. Position, off-hand. For 10 scores of 93, or better, the Association Championship Off-hand Medal, or, if the shooter has won this medal before, an appropriate bar.

Only one medal or bar to be awarded any calendar year. If two or more shooters make the required scores, the medal or bar will be awarded to the one whose 10 scores have the highest total.

Whenever a medal or bar is won, the requirement for the next calendar year will be one point higher. Whenever two calendar years go by without the award of a medal or bar, the requirement for the next year will be one point lower, except that until the medal has been won once, the requirement will be lowered one point each year.

This match adopted December, 1903, for first competition in 1904.

ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP PISTOL MEDAL.

Open to members only. Any pistol or revolver allowed by M. R. A. rules in 1903. Distance, 50 yards. Entry, any 10-shot ticket. For 10 scores of 97, or better, the Association Championship Pistol Medal, or, if the shooter has won this medal before, an appropriate bar.

Only one medal or bar to be awarded any calendar year. If two or more shooters make the required scores, the medal or bar will be awarded to the one whose 10 scores have the highest total.

Whenever a medal or bar is won, the requirement for the next year will be one point higher. Whenever two years go by without the award of a medal or bar, the requirement for the next year will be one point lower, except that until the medal is won once, the requirement will be lowered one point each year.

This match adopted December 1903, for competition in 1904.

MONTHLY 50-SHOT MATCH.

Hereafter until further notice a 50-shot match off-hand will be shot on the second Saturday of each month, except June, on such target and for such prizes as the prize committee may determine from time to time. This match to be open to all.

100-SHOT ELECTION DAY MATCH.

Open to all. Rifle, any. 100 shots at 200 yards on the German ring target. To be shot on the Saturday after election day.

SPRING MATCHES 1904.

All matches for spring of 1904 open January 1, and close June 17, unless otherwise specified. Prizes will be not more than five in any class of any match and will be two less than number of contestants to finish.

REST MATCH.

For the best aggregate of five scores on the standard target, each score having been shot on a different day. For members only.

OFF-HAND MATCH FOR EXPERTS.

Open to all. A 300-shot match. The tickets to be bought and stamped in lots of ten tickets. Tickets may be shot at any time on any shooting day, but a ticket deposited with the scorer must be finished before shooting on any other ticket and on the same day. Elevens and twelves to count in this match but to be reported only in final report. Target standard.

OFF-HAND MATCH FOR NON-EXPERTS.

Open to such members as have never won the gold victory medal off-hand. The shooter making the best score during each week on the Standard target will count 1, the shooter making the next best score 2, and so on. Prizes will be awarded according to the smallest aggregate of points in the ten best weeks of each shooter to finish scores in ten separate weeks.

Any rifle N. R. A. rules allowed 2 points per score. Military rifles allowed 6 points per score in this match.

PISTOL MATCH.

Standard target, 50 yards, any pistol or revolver. Open to members only. There will be two classes, the first composed

of those who have won the gold pistol medal and such other experts as are classed by committee; second class, all others. Prizes in each class for the best aggregate of ten 10-shot scores on the Standard target. In this match, any revolver allowed 2 points per score; military revolver allowed 3 points per score; Anderton and Patridge handicapped 25 points.

This match to close June 15. Winners in each class to shoot off for grand prize in a 100-shot match on June 17, on percentage basis.

LONG RANGE MATCH.

Open to members only. Rifle, any, but cal. of rifle not over 8 mm (.315 inches). Sights, any. Position, any, including bench rest.

Rifles weighing over 10 lbs., including all appurtenances that are on rifle when shot, will be handicapped one point for each pound or fraction over 10 lbs. Military rifles shot in military position allowed 2 points. Ammunition, any fixed ammunition loaded with smokeless powder.

Range, 1000 yards. Rounds, 10. Entry, any 10-shot long range ticket. Prizes for the best aggregate of ten 10-shot scores.

QUICK FIRING REVOLVER MATCH.

Same conditions as to weapon and time limit as in Match N.

On each shooting day, each shooter may make one entry to shoot a 30-shot score, using therefor three 10-shot tickets. The shooter making the highest 30-shot score during a calendar month counts 1, the shooter making the next highest score, 2 points, etc. Prizes will be awarded according to smallest aggregate of points in the four best months of each shooter who finishes a 30-shot score in four separate months.

This match open to members of the M. R. A. and M. V. M.

MILITARY RIFLE MATCHES.

All matches for military rifles have been *temporarily* abolished, pending the issue of Krags to the militia and the adoption of new rules for qualification in the militia.

It is expected that during the spring, when the rules for qualifications for 1904 shall have been issued, that the military rifle medal match will be revived with the appropriate changes, and that some special matches will be put on for military rifles.

copy to me RST

Vote of directors April 5th 1904

After 1904 Match H and the use of the elliptical target in match L will be entirely abolished. All members who are now entitled to shoot in match H or to use the elliptical target in match L are notified that they must win the medals this year as after 1904 these conditions will be withdrawn.

Vote of directors April 5th 1904

Hereafter in the reporting of matches in the daily papers the use of extra names shall not be used so as to place a shooter lower in the list than he is entitled to be placed by his scores.

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Match F adopted April 5th to open April 19th

Military rifle medal match.

Subject to change after 1904

Distance 200 yards, position standing. Open to members of the M.R.A. using any military rifle M.R.A. rules any ammunition and to members of the M.V.M. not members of the M.R.A. using U.S. service rifle as issued by the state for qualifications in 1904 with fixed ammunition, smokeless powder.

Entry 25 cts per 10 shot score.

Prizes as follows

1st Gold military rifle medal for 10 scores of 48 or better

2nd " and silver " " " " " " " 46 " "

3rd silver

4th silver and bronze " " " " " " " 42 " "

5th bronze " " " " " " " 40 " "

Rifles without peep sight allowed 1 point per score.

Match F F to open April 19th subject to change after 1904

Rifles and ammunition same as in Match F position prone with head towards target. Entry 30 cts per score of 10 shots Target 2nd class 20" bull.

Prizes as follows. Medals to be a new military midrange rifle medal

1st Gold for 10 scores of 50 at 500 yards and 48 at 600 yards

2nd Gold & Silver for 10 scores of 48 at 500 and 46 at 600

3rd Silver for 10 scores of 46 at 500 and 44 at 600

4th Bronze and silver for 10 scores of 43 at 500

5th Bronze for 10 scores of 40 at 500

Rifles without peep sight allowed 1 point per score.

Copy & give R.H.

Special matches 1904

Military rifle match. To open April 19th and run till October 31st

To be under same conditions as match F and FF.

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Prizes for the best 10 scores of which 5 must be at 200 yards 5 at 500 yards and 5 at 600 yards.

Entries unlimited using F and FF tickets except that when a shooter has won all the F medals he may then use B ticket and when he has won all the FF medals he may then use the K or KK tickets. Prizes not more than 5 in all, and two less than number of shooters to finish

Special prizes.

The first shooter to hand in tickets for each of the medals in matches F and FF will be awarded a volume of Kiplings stories or an equivalent prize. Time will count at the moment tickets are handed in at statistical office. No allowance will be made for failure to have opportunity to shoot in case of accident to targets.

As there are 10 medals this makes a total of 10 prizes. Match will be open April 19th to December 31st.

Prize committee April 5th

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On April 19 there will be two special matches at Walnut Hill for hunting rifles. The first is especially for big game hunting rifles, and the conditions are as follows:

Rifle, caliber, any; weight, maximum, $9\frac{1}{2}$ pounds; sights, open front sight, any rear sight; trigger pull, 3 pounds, except that if open rear sights are used hair triggers are allowed; ammunition, fixed, the momentum of the bullet to be not less than 420,000 grain feet—that is, weight of bullet in grains multiplied by muzzle velocity must be at least 420,000; distance, 200 yards; target, Standard American; position, time, etc., 10 shots to be fired standing with deliberate aim, 5 shots sitting or kneeling with deliberate aim, and then as many shots as can be fired during a period of ten seconds; rifle to be held in safety position and at trail arms until the word fire is given. Entry tickets for three 200-yard tickets for the series of 25 shots will cost non-members 15 cents each. The match will be a limited reentry match, no shooter being allowed more than three entries. Prizes in proportion to the number of competitors will be awarded to the best 25-shot scores.

The other hunting rifle match on April 19 will be 10 shots at 200 yards on Standard American target, deliberate aim, open only to such rifles as have actually killed a deer or larger animal under fair hunting conditions. Rifles must be submitted to the executive officers before being shot in this match; entry fee, any 10-shot 200-yard ticket; prizes for the best scores in proportion to the number of competitors, entries unlimited. The right is reserved to bar any rifle not considered a fair hunting rifle.

LONG ISLAND GAME NOTES.

Judging from the large number of inquiries which have reached me by mail, asking for information as to the legality of duck shooting at the present season in Long Island, there seems to be a general misunderstanding on the subject. While I have personally written on the subject to all those who have appealed to me for enlightenment on the subject, I assume there may be many others similarly situated, so I will now state that under the present Brown law, which is still in effect, no wild fowl, excepting brant, may be killed after January 1 and before October 1 following. The Hubbs bill, which was introduced several weeks ago, and which, if it becomes a law, will result in an extension of several months in the duck shooting season, has so far only passed the Assembly. While Long Island sportsmen are unanimous in supporting the bill, it is believed that the bitter opposition which it will encounter in the upper part of the state may prevent its passage.

Under the present law there are available only about two months for duck shooting—October and November, the arrival of ice in the bay early in December driving the ducks to other localities. Toward the latter part of February the ducks begin to return, the flight increasing in number and proportions until the last of the following month, when the shooting is at its height. While Long Island sportsmen appreciate the value and necessity of protecting the wildfowl while migrating to their northern breeding grounds, they state that the flocks do not pair before April, and that to shoot them here in March would not exceed the injury which is wrought in the southern states, where they are killed in greater numbers in the winter months. The native hunters simply desire that they should be afforded as many days in the aggregate for shooting as are secured in the south, where December, January, and February are the most favorable months.

Ten other states now prohibit spring shooting, and it is probable that more states will soon adopt a similar law. It would be a distinct triumph to the interests of game protection were the Federal Government to legislate the game laws, especially such as fleet migratory game like wild fowl and snipe. The principal obstacle toward such legislation by individual states seems to be the reluctance to be the forerunners in such legislation, which would be a voluntary deprivation of sport which other states enjoyed, until those states themselves adopted the same laws.

The sure and steady decrease in our waterfowl, as well as other kinds of game, argues the need of more stringent laws than those already in force, if satisfactory shooting is to be enjoyed by future generations. There is no one who more than the writer would contribute his efforts to secure such legislation or who would more cheerfully support it if provided. The sport and exhilaration which proceeds from a contemplation and study of game so far exceeds that resulting from the mere killing of our water and upland birds, that no real sportsman should hesitate in encouraging moderation in killing by others as well as adopting it himself.

Unless the Hubbs bill becomes a law, which, in view of the present opposition, it is unlikely to, the visiting sportsman to Long Island this spring will be obliged to confine himself to shooting brant. These fowl, however, particularly in the vicinity of salt water inlets, are very numerous, and should afford ample sport to compensate one for the journey to the island. They may be hunted until May 1. A favorite ground for the birds is to be found near Fire Island, on the south side of the Great South bay. As it is necessary to cross the bay from Bay Shore, a distance of eight or ten miles, one will find it more convenient and profitable to live on board a catboat or in one of the huts found on the islands in the vicinity of where the shooting is to be practiced. Battery shooting is the method mostly followed, but a blind built on any of the points which jut out from the island will insure good sport if a sufficient number of decoys are used to attract the brant's attention.

Eastport, Long Island.

HOWLAND GASPER.

QUERIES AND REPLIES.

We should be pleased to receive correspondence on the subjects touched upon in the following communications:

B. B. M. Dunkirk, Ind.:

The Winchester .405, '95 model repeater was designed for a very powerful game rifle and as such is giving excellent satisfaction. In regard to using cast bullets, we would recommend the use of the Hudson alloy, which is given in this issue as being most satisfactory for the Krag rifle. With the black powder you mention, a priming of 5 grains of low pressure nitro powder will aid considerably in keeping the barrel from fouling.

F. M., Nashville, Iowa:

The 330-grain bullet is largely used by experts in .38 caliber rifles, as it is less affected by wind than the 255-grain.

H. M., Toronto, Can.:

Q.—Can you tell me where I can get the irons for making a machine rest, and instructions for making same?

A.—The J. Stevens Arms & Tool Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass., manufacture the Pope machine rest in various grades, and it is in general use for testing rifles.

Lieut. T. W., Monterey, Cal.:

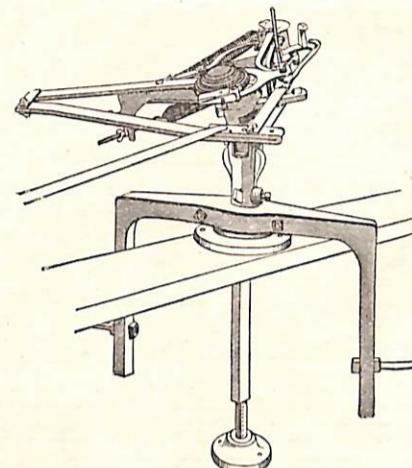
The small bore rifles using bullets jacketed with cupro-nickel will, of course, not last as long as with the purely sporting cartridges having copper jackets. My own experience in this line has been with a Krag rifle measuring .308. This barrel was very well treated, always cleaned from the breech with nitro solvent after each day's shooting, and it lasted about 3000 rounds, after which the accuracy began to fall off very rapidly. Can any of your readers tell me what the life of a .30-30 or a high power .45-70 would be? It is of course important that the loss of accuracy should have been caused purely by the jacketed bullet and not by lack of attention or by the dulling of the muzzle of the rifling by the cleaning rod, and the number of rounds stated should be with metal jacketed bullets. Also it would be well to note whether high or low pressure powders were used, as of course the wear, due to gas cutting, is greater with the former than the latter.

L. C. M., Jacksonville, Fla.:

In this section a rifleman is liable to run across anything from a quail to a full grown alligator or wild cat, and I want something to take care of either. My rifle is to be a .32-40 with nickel steel barrel to handle the high power cartridge, and I want some light loads that are accurate. I desire to obtain information as to short range loads for this .32-40, naked and paper patched bullets with smokeless or black powder.

DICKEY BIRD AUTO TRAP.

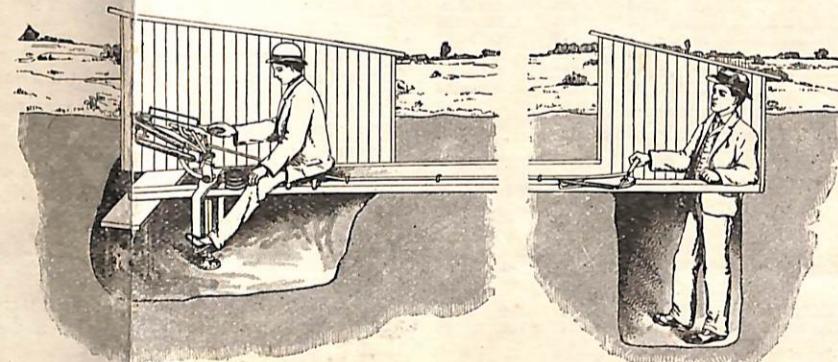
The two cuts shown herewith, of this latest creation in the target trap line, will enable our readers to form an opinion of their own regarding what is acknowledged by some of our most expert trap shots to be the most economical and perfect device for throwing targets ever produced. B 20 is a plain cut of the trap, while B 26 shows the trap in operation. The puller is shown in front of the score (he can be stationed back of the shooters if necessary), about twelve feet back of the trap house. From this point he can hear the call, "Pull," more easily than when stationed back of the shooters. The trap is operated by lever; the backward pull sets the trap, and the forward push releases the target. The arm returns automatically to its original position, and is ready



DICKEY BIRD AUTO TRAP.

for another target. It takes only a fraction of a second's time for the arm to make the circle. The speed of the target and the return of the arm to its original position are controlled by the two springs. The trap throws targets very rapidly and at long distances, and is capable when throwing seventy-yard targets of having as many as five targets in the air at one and the same time. Fred Gilbert, the wizard of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says of the trap, writing to the manufacturers from St. Joseph, Mo., under date of Dec. 28, 1903:

"I take pleasure in adding my endorsement for your Dickey bird auto trap. Today at the midwinter tournament was the first time I had an opportunity to shoot over it, and I unhesitatingly say that it is the best automatic target trap that I have ever seen; it throws every target an equal distance, does not break the target in the trap, and the carrier gives the target a spin or rotary motion that is a great advantage. The trap is as rapid as any squad can



SHOWING THE TRAP IN OPERATION.

Slaughtering elk for their teeth is one more charge laid to the cupidity of mankind. A Washington, D. C., despatch under date of Feb. 27 says:

Representatives Humphrey and Allen Weir, of Washington, discussed with the President today the illegal slaughter of what are known as the Roosevelt elk in the Olympic mountains of Washington. State game wardens have found carcasses very recently of eleven elk in one place and eight in another. All had been killed illegally, merely for two teeth in each animal, which are used as an insignia of the Order of Elks. The carcasses remain where they fell.

shoot. It is, in my opinion, a perfect automatic trap."

The trap is so constructed and balanced that there is practically no jar or concussion when the target is thrown. The cross piece, fastened to the base of the trap, from which stirrups suspend on either side, is for the purpose of changing the angles. The trap is offered for sale outright or on a rental basis by the manufacturers, W. S. Dickey Clay Mfg. Co., Kansas City, Mo. The terms offered by the manufacturers are very advantageous to gun clubs, and we prophesy that many of the latter will avail themselves of the opportunity to own their own automatic trap, from which any target can be thrown.

